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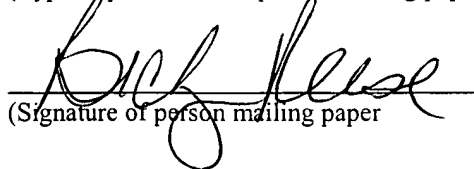
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This letter is responsive to the Office Communication of April 30, 2004. It is timely filed on or before June 1, 2004, as the next business day following a response due date falling on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS – none.

REMARKS begin on page 2.